Tech Fee Committee Meeting – 1/24/14

5:00pm

Black 141

Present: Chris Pratz, Colin Pringle, Yosef Gamble, Avery Pellet, John Anvik, Ian Loverro

Chris Pratz started the meeting with a brief presentation which outlined the different types of computer labs on campus. He emphasized the variety of funding sources that have led to the creation of the current open student labs, department computer labs, specialized labs using computer equipment, and lab or classroom podium systems. These include Capital Project money acquired during new building construction or remodel projects, Capital Minor works funding which has been drastically reduced due to the State recession, department funds for labs dedicated to their own curriculum, and of course the Tech Fee funds which pay for the open student labs.

In conclusion Chris stated that he would like the Committee to take that into consideration, and would be asking them to help draft a statement of expectation for the EISC Student Labs Tack Force at the end of Spring quarter.

Next Chris outlined a pending proposal that Dr. Stein would like to bring forward at the upcoming meeting. Essentially Dr. Stein would like the committee to formally consider the computers located on the north side of the zig zag wall in Black as an open student lab. This area is open to all students for use and has some older equipment that is in need of updating. His proposal will include some updated equipment featuring the Windows 8 touch screen environment, and powerful Apple systems with which students would be able to edit video projects.

In closing Chris also outlined the lab equipment refurbishment plans for the use of funds already allocated. These include new systems for Language and Literature 104, Dean 230, Psych 441, Black Hall 106, as well as new monitors for several labs to round out the $125K previously approved. In addition Chris is requesting additional funding to purchase new systems for the Shaw 217 and 218 labs. He said the Shaw labs could wait for new CPUs, however money is available and if the committee approves he would like to purchase the CPUs this fiscal year.

The meeting was turned over to Colin Pringle

There was a discussion about a VDI solution in the labs and how that would work. VDI would be something that would replace our current setup with thin clients and use the server as the log in interface. This would reduce in lab maintenance but would keep the current layout of the labs.

Finally there was a presentation from Steve Stein, Director of the Ed Tech Center, about the equipment we agreed to provide for him. He stated that he will start out with posters in Black and in the library and surc. If the equipment is getting under used then he will up the advertising. He will be back next week to discuss including some areas in the list for open student labs.

The meeting is on Thursday, February 6th at 5pm in Black 141. We will meet on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The meeting was then adjourned.